

**APPROVED**

**Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee**

**February 7, 2008**

Members present: Harry Beyer, Gerry Boyle, Elissa Brown, Jim Coutre, Dinny McIntyre, Barbara Pike, Andrea Siani, Jim Terry

Member absent: Ken Miller

Others present: Marcia Rasmussen, Anne Shapiro, Tricia Domigan and Mark Louro from VHB, and a number of citizens

Recorder: Barbara Pike, clerk

Materials distributed: Information on the culvert under Powder Mill Road

Motion: To accept minutes, as amended, from January 24, 2008: moved, seconded and approved.

Committee members comments:

Andrea and Harry reported on the meeting that the White Pond Advisory Committee had with Denise Morrissey, who is Park Supervisor for Walden Pond State Reservation.

Elissa has sent reports to the contact list from her discussions with the Concord Fire Department and the Engineering Department regarding the culvert under Powder Mill Road

Marcia's notes from the MassHwy BFRT Coordinating Committee have been sent to the contact list. The quarterly meeting discussion centered on coordinating the various Towns involved with Phase 2 of the project. The next meeting will be held in April.

The committee discussed the draft 25% design with Tricia Domigan and Mark Louro from VHB.

VHB was asked to look for space for handicapped parking on the east side of Old Marlboro, rather than requiring handicapped users to cross Old Marlboro Road to access the trail.

Marcia, VHB, and the Division of Natural Resources will investigate the possibility of creating an ADA-compliant access to the rail trail from the northwest side of Powder Mill Road.

The committee requested that the access road from the southwest side of Powder Mill Road to the rail trail be removed from the plans.

Motion: Assuming that an ADA-compliant access can be built on the northwest side of Powder Mill Road, the existing culvert will be retained at this time. Moved, seconded, passed.

Motion: To remove the proposed rest stop near White Pond from the 25% design. Moved, seconded, passed.

Citizen comments: Judy LaRocca, Bill Gluck, Peter Flynn, Lydia Rogers, Julie Melbin.

Meeting adjourned: 10:15 am.